

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
September 23, 2016

Dates to Remember

September 26, 2016 – Final Budget Hearing
September 27, 2016 – Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
October 3, 2016 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
October 10, 2016 – Clewiston Library Advisory Board Meeting
October 13, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Workshop
October 17, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
October 20, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Microsoft Word and Excel classes have begun. Excel is on Mondays at 5:30 PM, and Word is on Thursdays at the same time. There are still a few open seats. Call the library at 863-983-1493 to register and ask questions.
- Computer classes for seniors coming soon.
- We really want to improve on our services and programs as well as our collections. Please help us by filling out a very short 4 question survey available on our website (www.hendrylibraries.org), on our Facebook page, or in print. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
- For further questions the Library's telephone number is 863-983-1493. You can also visit our website at www.hendrylibraries.org for more information and like us at www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary.

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- **Clewiston Golf Course** is having a 20% off sale on all golf shop merchandise now, except golf balls and gloves.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$19.00 plus tax until September 30, 2016.
- Non-Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$28.00 plus tax until September 30, 2016.
- Winter rates start October 1, 2016.
- Tees and fairways were sprayed for weeds this week.
- We are now back on our regular greens.

- United States Sugar Employee Tournament had 96 players on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Congratulations!! The winners were Tommy Spears, Trini Reyes and Tim Burke, Sr.
- 2016 Clewiston Masonic Lodge Tournament has been re-scheduled for October 22, 2016. Sign-up is in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448. Foursomes (8:30am Shotgun Start)
- 2016 Clewiston Golf Course Parent-Child Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, October 30, 2016. Sign-up in the golf shop.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer reports:

- The East Tennis Courts have been resurfaced and the fencing has been put up this week. The crews have moved over to the West Courts and have begun prepping the courts for re-surfacing and painting. The basketball goals will be re-set as soon as possible.
- AYSO Soccer has officially begun! There are 240 kids registered this year which means 27 teams from U-5 to U-14 will be playing this year. Ballfields staff has squared, set goals and painted all fields this week. There will be 13 soccer fields in use this year, 3 more than last year. Games are scheduled to begin Oct. 3rd.
- Recreation and Ballfields Staff has modified usage and placed a football field on Field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex to host 3 home games for the New Harvest Academy's 8 man football team that will play Thursday nights at 7pm on Sept. 15th, 22nd and Oct. 6th this year.
- Recreation Staff is developing a corrective action plan for a DCF Inspection report for Sikes Park. The ceiling tiles have been replaced, mulch will be added next week, fire ants have been treated, fencing repair will begin next week and chemical edging and spraying for invasive weeds have begun.
- Staff has completed corrective action plans from a Hendry County DOH Inspection last month for C.S. Mott Pool regarding replacement of 2 drain covers and re-setting of tiles, securing loose ladders and normalizing PH levels after all the rain. C.S. Mott Pool has received a compliance certification on re-inspection last week.
- City of Clewiston, East Recreation and the YMCA will provide FREE "Water Safety" classes on Saturdays that began last weekend and will continue for 5 weeks until Oct. 17th. Connect to www.clewistonrecreation.com to register for the classes.
- The Splash Pad will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 3-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-Noon and Saturday/Sundays from 9am-7pm.
- Staff has been working with Wounded Warriors to host their 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament on Lake Okeechobee on Oct. 8th at the John Boy Auditorium.
- Staff has been working with "Drug Free Hendry County" to host a Turkey Trot at the Levee Park on Nov. 17th. More info will be provided as this event progresses.
- FYI...Clewiston Recreation's Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 29th... Mark your calendars and save the date! Bigger and Better is on the horizon...! Stay tuned for details...!!
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Sept. 22nd – New Harvest Academy Football 7pm Field #9 Sugarland Sports Complex
 - Sept. 23rd – 5th Quarter 8-11pm "High School" age students CMS (Clewiston Recreation/Live Mission Youth Development)
 - Sept. 24th – Wedding Reception 4pm-1am John Boy Auditorium

- Sept. 24th – Birthday Party 2-5pm STP #2
- Sept. 24th – Wedding Reception 4pm-midnight Youth Center
- Sept. 24th – Baby Shower 4-8pm Trinidad Park
- Sept. 24th – Water Safety Class 9am-Noon C.S. Mott Pool
- Sept. 25th – Birthday Party 1-4pm Sugarland Park Pavilion w/ Bounce House
- Sept. 25th – Rivers Jr. Soccer Championship game Trinidad Park
- Sept. 26th – USSC Mass Hiring 8am-3pm Beardsley Room
- Sept. 26th – Lakeshore Planting LLC Employee training 8am-Noon John Boy Auditorium
- Sept. 27th – Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Auction 6pm John Boy Auditorium
- If you are interested in participating in a Co-Ed Dodgeball and/or Co-Ed Volleyball league, contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control:
Trap counts in Clewiston are as follows:
Harlem trap: 200;
Sports Complex trap: 150; and
Okeechobee Blvd. trap: 700.
Mosquito activity is still in high gear. Protect yourself and small children if you must be outside. **NOTE:** Bromeliads hold water in the center and mosquitoes will lay eggs in that water. If you have Bromeliads growing in your yard, wash out the area in the center of the plant weekly with a garden hose. You will remove any eggs that may be there.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Placement of the rock for the “Rock Garden” in the Civic Park was completed this week. The next step is to fill the voids with soil to make room for ferns and Bromeliads. (2) The Oleanders on Berner Road have been cut back.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Vandalism repairs to City property have dominated the work order system this week. (2) Stained ceiling tiles in the Sikes Park building were replaced.
- Training: Sean will be out of the office the end of this week for “Storm Water Inspector” training in Daytona.
- Civic Park Project: The Fallen Soldier Memorial was ordered and has been shipped.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- During a traffic accident early Friday morning, it was discovered that one of the vehicles involved in the crash was stolen. The registered owner of the vehicle was driving past the crash scene when she recognized her vehicle was involved. She contacted the Patrol Officers on scene to let them know her home was broken into and her purse was taken as well as her vehicle. During the on-going investigation, it was determined another individual was involved. Surveillance video from nearby businesses confirms another person arriving with the stolen vehicle. Dawn Johnson was located and charged with Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling and with Stealing a Motor Vehicle. Lamar Dixon and Juan Ibietatorremendia were both cited with Moving Violations related to the traffic accident.

- During a routine traffic stop on Friday evening, Officer LaRosa, assisted by a deputy from HCSO, confiscated drugs suspected to be ecstasy. Tommie Thicklin was charged with Possession of Drugs and Failing to Register his Motor Vehicle.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
1068 Commercial / Residential Security Checks
349 Complaints Investigated
79 Traffic Citations
12 Arrests Made
45 Merchant Escorts Provided
15 Alarms Responded To
1 City Ordinance Violation
98 Red Light Camera Violations
7 Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired a 2" water break on Arcade and 3 water breaks in Harlem
 - Lift Station Maintenance: Repaired DeSoto lift station that was struck by lightning, replaced a pump on #37 and replaced risers on E/W Elementary and Kentucky
- Electric Activities
 - Repaired underground service in Fairgrounds Trailer Park
 - Repaired two traffic lights on US 27 and one at Ventura and WC Owen
 - Moved additional bleachers at ballfields and replaced pulleys on ballfield flagpole for Recreation Department
 - Repaired several street lights throughout service area and trimmed trees in Harlem
 - Cleaned up and organized pole yard
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.**

- 2) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.**
- 3) **Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.**

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.